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### **ACE Deployment A Reminder**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would like to remind the trade community of the upcoming Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Deployment A, originally scheduled for October 5, 2013. Due to the lapse of appropriations and the subsequent emergency furlough, Deployment A has been rescheduled for **November 2, 2013**. Deployment A will be the first of seven planned deployments that will support CBP's plan to complete core trade processing capabilities in ACE and decommission the Automated Commercial System (ACS) by the end of 2016.

CBP's conversion to an Agile development methodology has proven successful and will provide extensive benefits to all ACE stakeholders. With the Agile method, ACE stakeholders will see features developed quicker and delivered iteratively and incrementally into ACE. Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) will integrate into ACE and collaborate with both CBP and the trade community in making the "Single Window" vision a reality.

With the implementation of ACE deployment A, the trade community will benefit from the following ACE capabilities:

- ACE Cargo Release (also known as Simplified Entry) pilot expansion will integrate In-bonds, split shipments and partial quantities and provide trade pilot participants the capability of transmitting entry corrections and cancellations via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI).
- Entry Summary Validations will improve the quality of ACE entry summary data received from the trade community. Harbor Maintenance Fee and tariff classification edits will be implemented and additional validations will be added in future deployments.
- The PGA Message set will allow trade filers to electronically submit required shipment data to PGAs. Two initial PGA Message Set pilots will begin in late November, allowing trade filers to submit PGA required data to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for vehicles and engines and ozone-depleting substances and to the Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) for meat, poultry and eggs.

Concurrent with ACE Deployment A, CBP will also be implementing a software upgrade to ACE Reports that will result in changes to how users view and run reports. Additionally, the Authorized Data Extracts (ADEs) will be relocated to a separate interface. For instructions on using the new ACE Reports interface and the ADEs, CBP will post to CBP.gov an updated ACE Reports User Guide and an ACE Data



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Extracts Quick Reference Guide (QRG) by October 29, 2013. Following publication of the user guide and QRG, CBP will announce via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) the schedule for a series of basic and advanced webinars highlighting the changes of the new ACE Reports interface.

In preparation for the ACE reports upgrade, CBP would like to remind all ACE Reports users of the following recommendations:

- All customized, modified, and shared reports must be saved to the “Favorites” sub-folder inside “My Folders” in order to be migrated over and made available to trade users in the new ACE Reports interface following the November 2, 2013 deployment.
- ADEs saved to the “Favorites” folder will not be migrated and made available in the new ACE Reports interface. ADE users will need to use the new ADE interface to access and schedule extracts.
- ACE will block out the week of October 28 – November 2, 2013 to accommodate the reports migration. ACE reports created or modified during the block out week will not be migrated over into the new interface.
- Scheduled ACE reports will not be migrated and will need to be rescheduled after the deployment.

Importer Security Filing (ISF) Progress Reports are not impacted by the ACE Reports upgrade and will continue to be generated for Importers and ISF filers via the ACE ISF Portal.

CBP will continue communicating information to the trade community about future ACE deployments. CBP encourages filers who have not yet started filing ACE entry summaries to begin the transition process now to benefit from capabilities available with Deployment A and all future planned deployments.

### **2013 East Coast Trade Symposium Postponed**

CBP regrets to inform the trade community of the need to postpone the 2013 East Coast Trade Symposium originally scheduled for October 24 – 25, 2013. The protracted lapse in appropriations significantly impacted the ability to prepare for and commit the resources necessary to hold the event as planned. CBP is committed to hosting the event at a later date, and looks forward to announcing the new dates for this event as soon as possible.



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For registrants who completed and paid for the Trade Symposium registration, CBP will be refunding the registration fee. CBP sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience that this postponement has caused, but looks forward to your participation once the event is rescheduled.

This year will mark the 13-year anniversary of the CBP East Coast Trade Symposium and the theme will be "Increasing Economic Competitiveness through Global Partnerships and Innovation." The Trade Symposium will feature panel discussions involving agency personnel, members of the trade community, and other government agencies on the agency's role in international trade initiatives and programs. Panels will cover a variety of topics such as ACE, Centers for Excellence and Expertise, Exports, and Trusted Trader Programs.

### **Recent ACE Updates**

Please note that you may need to copy and paste the URLs below into your internet browser.

### **ACE Report Enhancements**

On September 7, 2013, CBP deployed the following changes to ACE Reports:

- AM 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report (CNOL) is now available to brokers with ACE Portal Account access. The AM – 100 CNOL Report is located under the Account Management/Details Reports/Entry Summary folder (page 2). An [Information Notice: Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report Changes](#) document was published providing instructions on accessing, running, customizing or modifying the AM 100 CNOL Report.
- Post Summary Corrections (PSC) data is now available to all filers of all versions of the ACE entry summary in ACE reports. Prior to the change, ACE separated PSC data changes between the previous and current owners of the entry summary. Earlier in July, CBP also made changes to the outbound response message of the ACE ABI entry summary and Census warning queries. An [Information Notice: Post Summary Corrections Data Availability Changes](#) document was published providing details on the enhanced PSC functionality.

For additional information about the AM 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report Changes or the Post Summary Corrections Data Availability Changes, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov or you may also download a copy directly by clicking on the document names above.



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### **New and Updated ACE Documentation Now Available**

CBP has posted the [Information Notice for Trade Community: Automated Commercial Environment \(ACE\) Deployment A](#) to CBP.gov. The published information notice provides details on the new and enhanced ACE capabilities that will be delivered with Deployment A, scheduled for November 2, 2013. For a copy of the Deployment A Information Notice, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov or you may download a copy directly by clicking on the document name above.

CBP has updated the [ACE Development and Deployment Schedules](#) and the [ACE Stakeholder Backlog](#) on CBP.gov. The ACE Development and Deployment schedules provide information about upcoming ACE development, dates for the completion of all core trade processing capabilities, and information about future planned deployments along with the three mandatory dates for use of ACE features. The ACE Stakeholder Backlog provides a sequenced listing of all core trade processing features and a brief description of each feature. To access these updated ACE documents, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov or you may also download a copy directly by clicking on the document names above.

The August 2013 version of the [ACEopedia](#) is now available and provides current information on a variety of ACE Topics. To access this document, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov, and click on "Current Status of ACE" or you may download a copy directly by clicking on the document name above.

The [ACE Cargo Release/Simplified Entry](#) and [ACE PGA Message Set](#) documentation for the upcoming Deployment A have been updated and posted to CBP.gov as ACE ABI CATAIR chapters. For additional information about these new and expanded capabilities, please click on the links above.

### **Reminders of the Month**

#### **Attention All ACE Portal Trade Account Owners**

Trade Account Owners (TAOs) are reminded that in the interest of protection of the Account information, the TAO should not facilitate the unauthorized use of their User ID (i.e., shared secret) and Password. TAOs are advised not to divulge their User ID and password information knowingly and should take the necessary precautions to prevent this information from being shared accidentally.

The Trade Account Owner administers and controls all Proxy Trade Account Owners and Account User access. Guidance on [Managing User Access](#) can be found by visiting the "ACE Portal Accounts Management" page of CBP.gov or you may also download a copy directly by clicking on the document name above.



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### **ACE Portal Account Changes**

Importer, Broker and Carrier ACE Portal Accounts with multiple business entities or multiple account identifiers may request the creation of additional account views or account identifiers to their existing ACE Portal Account. For assistance with changes to the ACE Portal Account structure, please contact the CBP Technology Service Desk at 1 (866) 530-4172. You may also send an email to: [ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov). CBP may request additional supporting documentation to complete the ACE Portal Account list changes.

Please be advised that if CBP receives a request for a change to the Account information and the person making the request is not the individual identified as the TAO of the account (as identified by the ACE User ID), CBP will not complete the requested action.

### ***Your Questions:***

#### **Is there a report that contains the bill of lading/AWB number?**

Yes, the ESM 7008 Entry Summary Detail report and the ESM 7068 Entry Summary Report can be modified with the bill of lading (BOL) data object available in the Entry Summary Universe for ACE filed entry summaries. The BOL number data object is located in the Summary Header Class/Cargo Sub-Class.

#### **May I save my ACE Portal password to my Web browser?**

No, CBP recommends not saving ACE Portal passwords to your web browser as this may cause problems in the future when you need to change your password. CBP also recommends that your web browser session be closed after changing your password.